



BRITANNIA INTERNATIONAL CUP 2023 YOUTH & GIRLS TOURNAMENT - RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1. Management of the Competition and Name

The Competition shall be governed in accordance with The Rules and Regulations of the Football Association. Matches shall be played in accordance with The Laws of the Game and settled by the International Football Board. The Competition shall be called the “**Britannia International Cup**”.

2. Clubs Eligible to Enter

All participating clubs must hold relevant insurance.
All clubs must be affiliated to their County Football Association
All non-English Clubs to be affiliated if required by its National Association

3. Management Committee and Power of the Management

An independent tournament management committee comprising of Chairman, Secretary, Referees Appointments, Secretary and a Council Member of the County Football Association shall be appointed to organize the Competition. Three members to form a quorum. The Tournament Management Committee shall have the power to apply, act upon and endorse The Rules of the Competition and shall also have the jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for by the Rules. The Tournament Management Committee shall also adjudicate in all cases of disputes, protests and complaints.

4. Player Qualifications - English teams register from the 31st August of the admit year.

Teams affiliated to other National Associations and teams which use FIFA International 1st January dates will be accepted into the competition.

Youth Section:	Class C	born after 31 st August 2006
	Class D	born after 31 st August 2007
	Class E	born after 31 st August 2008
	Class F	born after 31 st August 2009
	Class G	born after 31 st August 2010
	Class H	born after 31 st August 2011
	Girls U14	born after 31 st August 2008

All players must play with and against players only from their own age range within a two year age band. Only those players who have not reached the competition age before the 31st August of the current season shall be eligible to play. Before taking part all teams shall produce a list of players eligible to participate together with their dates of birth and photographic identification. This documentation must be produced at the time of team registration.

Pitch Sizes, Goal Sizes, Ball Sizes

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
10	Under 11	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
11	Under 12	11v11	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
	Under 13	11v11	90x50	82.3x45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
12	Under 13	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
	Under 14		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
13	Under 14	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
	Under 15		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
14	Under 15	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
	Under 16		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
15	Under 16	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
	Under 17		100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
	Under 18		100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
16	Under 17	11v11	100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
	Under 18		100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
	Open Age		100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5

5. Women's Section- Open Age

6. Men's – Open Age

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8. **Dispensation:** Teams who wish to request for dispensation must write to the Competition Secretary one month prior to the commencement of the tournament.
9. **Players Equipment**
Players shall be dressed in uniform shirts and shorts but the goalkeeper's dress must be distinguished from that of other players. Neither goalkeeper nor other players may wear shirts in black or similarly dark colours, shin pads are compulsory and covered with stocking.
10. **Arrangement of Competition**
The Competition will be played on a league basis in the first stage with the teams divided into groups. Each team shall play on a league basis in the first stage with the teams divided into groups. Each team shall play one match against each of the other teams in its group. Three points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. In the event of any teams being level on points for any position in their groups, the following will apply:
- a) Respect score, b) goals for, c) goals against, d) points in their games between each other.
- No show – game default – failure to play** – Should a team fail to fulfil all/any of their fixtures then the opposing team may be awarded the points. The points of the no show team will remain the same. In these circumstances the ultimate decision for the final placing and points will be at the discretion of the tournament committee.
11. **Determine Qualification**
To determine qualification from the original groups where there are a different number of teams in the group. The following criteria will apply unless the management committee deem otherwise:
- a. Average points per game
b. average goals per game
12. **Duration of Play**
The duration of games will be as directed as on the fixture list to include a half time interval of 5 minutes. In the event of a draw in the knockout competitions a penalty shoot-out will determine the winner.
13. **Penalty Shoot-outs**
In line with International Board Rules, a penalty shoot-out will take place; only players that are on the field at the end of the game can participate in the shoot-out.
14. **Substitutes**
All 11-a-side teams will have a maximum squad of 18 and use up to a maximum of 5 substitutes - roll on roll off.
All 9-a-side teams will have a maximum squad of 15 – substitutes are roll on roll off
A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at anytime, subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3.
All substitutes must be named prior to the game. Substitutes not named will not be allowed to play.
15. **Reporting of Results:** The Referee shall be responsible for notifying the Management Committee of the result of each game at its conclusion.
16. **Officials**
Registered Referees and assistant referees shall be appointed by the Referees Appointment Secretary. Referees fees will be paid by either fee/kit/accommodation allowances.
17. **Protests and Complaints**
All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of Rules shall be referred to The Tournament Management Committee.
All protests and complaints relative to a particular game in The Competition shall be made in writing to the Tournament Competition Secretary and be received by him within 30 minutes of the completion of the match, with a protest fee of £30.00.
The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with the play are final. (FIFA rule no.5)
No measures will be taken on protests on decisions made by referees.
All protests and complaints lodged during The Competition will be decided upon by three members of the Tournament Management Committee. The decision of this Board of Appeal will be final and binding on all concerned.
18. **Misconduct – Red and Yellow Cards**
- A player who is dismissed from the field of play for any reason apart from violent conduct, serious foul play, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour shall be suspended automatically for one match in the tournament immediately following the match in which he was sent off. These include 2 yellow cards received within the same match or a straight red card.
 - A player who is dismissed from the field of play for; violent conduct, serious, foul play, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour, whether he has been previously cautioned in the match or not, shall be suspended automatically for 2 matches. This commences immediately following the match in which he was sent off.
 - If a player commits a spitting offense at another person he/she will be suspended from the tournament forthwith and take no further part.
 - Should an offense deem to be of a gross, serious nature then this person will be reported to the Football Association where it may be deemed necessary to impose a greater sanction.
- Automatic Expulsion**
Any player using abusive, threatening, insulting or offensive language will be dismissed and take no further part in the competition.
Any player who is deemed to have committed a violent act, i.e. fist punching, aggressive head-butting or other acts of excessive/extreme violence towards an opposing team member will be dismissed and take no further part in the competition.
If more than one player or team officials commit such acts, then their team will be dismissed from the competition. A team will also be expelled if it's officials or supporters enter the field of play with intent on violence.
A team will also be expelled, if their behaviour off the field towards tournament personal, University staff and its property, or other players/team members does not meet the standards of appropriate behaviour in a sporting manner.
19. **Fair-Play**
All teams are responsible for their players, officials and spectators behaviour in complying with the tournament Fair-Play policy during the competitions. The management committee has the right to expel teams that do not.
20. **Trophies**
These will be awarded at the discretion of the sponsors.
21. **Rules of the Competition**
The Rules of the Competition are binding on the teams taking part